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SUBJECT: ASEAN TRADE FAIR AND ASEAN SOLIDARITY

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1. GOP ASEAN TRADE FAIR SECRETARIAT CHAIRED ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS WITH OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES ON OCTOBER 27 AND 28 IN MANILA, AND ENCOUNTERED HEAVY OPPOSITION TO ITS CONCEPT OF THE FAIR EMPHASIZING THE REGIONAL OR ASEAN NATURE THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF INDUSTRY CLUBS. OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES, LED BY MALAYSIA, FELT THAT THIS WOULD GIVE PHILIPPINE INDUSTRIES AND INDIVIDUAL FIRMS AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE SINCE THEY WOULD HAVE NO TRANSPORT PROBLEM AND THUS WOULD TEND TO DOMINATE THE FAIR. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ASEAN PRINCIPLES OF CONSENSUS AND SOLIDARITY, GOP SECRETARIAT BOWED TO THE INEVITABLE AND ACCEPTED A REVISED CONCEPT FEATURING INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL PAVILLIONS, BUT ALSO INCLUDING SOME ROOM FOR THE INDUSTRY CLUBS.

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2. OTHER ASEAN DELEGATIONS WERE ALSO DISTURBED OVER THE LONG GOP LIST OF BANNED IMPORT ITEMS (ALMOST ALL CONSUMER GOODS ARE BANNED IN THE PHILIPPINES). THE GOP CUSTOMS REPRESENTATIVE MAINTAINED THAT ALL EXHIBIT GOODS HAD TO ENTER UNDER BOND AND MUST BE REMOVED AFTER THE FAIR, AND THAT THE EXHIBITING GOVERNMENT HQST GIVE A GUARANTEE TO THAT

EFFECT. ONE ASEAN COMMERCIAL ATTACHE ASKED WHY HE COULD NOT "DISPOSE" OF HIS NATIONAL BEER WHICH HE PLANNED TO BRING IN.

3. GOP SECRETARIAT IS NOW SEIZED WITH PROBLEM OF MEETING DESIRE OF OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES TO DISPOSE OF EXHIBIT GOODS LOCALLY RATHER THEN UNDERTAKE EXPENSE OF SHIPPING THEM BACK. SINGAPORE AND THAI COMATTS HAVE TOLD US THAT THEY DO NOT BELIEVE TRADE FAIR HAS ANY POTENTIAL FOR SALES, BUT THEIR GOVERNMENTS (AS WELL AS THE OTHER TWO), FELT THEY HAD TO "GO ALONG" WITH PHILIPPINE DESIRE FOR A FAIR.

4. SINGAPORE COMATT ALSO TOLD US THAT THE GOS HAS BUDGETED FOR ITS PAVILLION WHICH IT WILL CONSTRUCT, BUT THE ACTUAL EXHIBIT ITSELF WILL BE MOUNTED BY THE SINGAPORE MANUFAC-

TURERS ASSOCIATION. THE GOS DELEGATION TO THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING CONSISTED OF YOONG JUN FAH AND SIM CHENG HUAT FROM THE TRADE FAIRS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, AND ALSO INCLUDED GOPINATH PILLAI OF THE SINGAPORE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION. YOONG JUN FAH HAS JUST RETURNED FROM WASHINGTON WHERE HE WAS COMMERCIAL ATTACHE.
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